

think**1. [θɪŋk] *n* *разг.*****1. размышление**

to have a long think about smth. - как следует поразмыслить о чём-л.

2. мысль; мнение**2. [θɪŋk] *v* (*thought*)****1. 1) думать, размышлять; мыслить**

to think clearly - ясно мыслить

to think aloud - думать /размышлять/ вслух

to think (twice) before doing smth. - подумать (дважды), прежде чем сделать что-л.

to think hard - подумать как следует

to learn to think in English - а) научиться думать по-английски; б) усвоить английский образ мыслей

to think to oneself for a moment - задуматься на минутку

I'll think about /of/ it - я подумаю об этом

think of what I've told you - подумайте над моими словами

don't think of him any more - выкиньте его из головы

this has set me thinking - это заставило меня задуматься

I did it without thinking - я сделал это не подумав

just think a minute! - подумай немного!

think again! - не торопись, подумай ещё!

it's so noisy here I can't think - здесь так шумно, я не могу сосредоточиться

the reader will have much to think about - читателю будет о чём подумать

he's not so handsome, (when you) come to think of it - если подумать - не такой уж он красавец

did you think to bring any money? - (а) тебе не пришло в голову взять денег?

I'm glad to think (that) I have been of use to you - мне приятно думать, что я был вам чем-то полезен

I've been thinking that ... - мне пришло в голову, что ...

he thinks he knows everything - он воображает, будто знает всё (на свете)

what will people think? - что люди подумают?

I no longer knew what to think - я не знал, что и (по)думать; я терялся в догадках

he says all he thinks - он говорит всё, что думает; что он думает, то и говорит

2) думать, иметь в голове

to think black thoughts - лелеять чёрные мысли

to think scorn of smb. - *уст.* думать с презрением о ком-л., презирать кого-л.

he thought base thoughts - в голову ему приходили грязные мысли

2. полагать, считать; предполагать

I think it will rain - я думаю, что будет дождь

I thought I heard a knock - мне показалось, что стучат (в дверь)

do you think you could do it? - ты полагаешь, что сможешь это сделать?

then you think that ... - значит, ты считаешь /думаешь/, что ...

it's better, don't you think, to get it over with? - как по-твоему, не лучше ли сразу с этим покончить?

are you coming with us? - I don't think I am - вы идёте с нами? - Пожалуй, нет

I think with /like/ you - я согласен с вами

I rather think so - мне так кажется

I don't think so - я этого не думаю

I (should) hardly think so - не думаю; \cong мне это кажется маловероятным

thought proper for government publications - считавшийся подходящим для правительственных изданий

to think smb. the best contemporary novelist - считать кого-л. лучшим современным романистом

I thought her charming - я нашёл её очаровательной

I think it possible - я это допускаю, я считаю это возможным

do as you think fit - поступай, как знаешь /как считаешь нужным/

they think their teacher a fine man - они считают своего учителя прекрасным человеком

to think smb. of little account - не ценить кого-л., относиться с пренебрежением к кому-л.

he is conventionally thought to be a romantic thing - его обычно считают романтиком

3. иметь (какое-л.) мнение

to think much /well, highly, a great deal/ of smb., smth. - быть высокого мнения о ком-л., чём-л.; высоко ценить кого-л., что-л.

to think badly of smb., smth. - быть дурного мнения о ком-л., чём-л.

to think little /nothing/ of smth. - а) = to think badly of smth.; б) ни во что не ставить; в) считать пустяком; I think nothing of thirty miles a day - делать тридцать миль в день для меня сущий пустяк

to think dirty about smb. - *прост.* плохо думать о ком-л., ни в грош не ставить кого-л.

to think of smb. as one's inferior [superior] - считать кого-л. ниже [выше] себя

he is well thought of - он на хорошем счету

4. 1) представлять себе, воображать

to think of smb. as still a boy - представлять себе кого-л. всё ещё мальчиком

think of him not guessing it! - а он так и не догадался, вы можете себе представить?

what do you think? - *разг.* и что бы вы думали?

only think!, just think of that!, to think of it! - подумать только!; представляете?

you can't think! - подумайте!; вы и представить себе не можете!

I can't think where he is - не представляю себе, где он может быть; ума не приложу, куда он исчез /пропал/

I can't bear to think what might happen - я боюсь думать о том, что может случиться /произойти/

think what a sacrifice he has made - подумайте, на какие жертвы он пошёл
you can't think how surprised he was - вы не можете себе представить, до чего он был удивлён

2) **воображать, рисовать в (своём) воображении**

we think the ocean as a whole - океан представляется нам единым целым

5. 1) **придумывать, находить**

to think a way out of trouble - найти выход из трудного положения

2) (of) **придумывать, додумываться**

to think of a way out of a difficulty - найти выход из трудного положения

who first thought of the plan? - кому первому пришёл в голову этот план?

6. **иметь в виду, намереваться, замышлять**

to think of marrying /to marry/ smb. - собираться /намереваться/ жениться на ком-л.

he thinks to deceive me - он думает /хочет/ обмануть меня

I only thought to help you - я хотел только помочь вам

I must be thinking of going - мне пора собираться

I shouldn't /I should never/ think of doing such a thing - **эмоц.-усил.** я бы ни за что не сделал этого

7. 1) **ожидать, предполагать, рассчитывать**

I didn't think to see you - я не ожидал /не рассчитывал/ увидеть вас

who would have thought to meet you here - кто бы подумал /кто бы мог предполагать/, что я встречу вас здесь?

they think to escape punishment - они рассчитывают, что им удастся избежать наказания

I little thought I would see him again - никак не ожидал /вот уж не думал/, что вновь его увижу

2) **подозревать, ждать**

to think no evil /no harm/ - не заподозрить злого умысла, не ждать ничего плохого

3) (for) **усм.** **подозревать, предполагать**

things are worse than you think for - дела обстоят хуже, чем вы думаете /полагаете/

8. **вспоминать**

to think of old times - вспоминать былое

I can't think of his name at the moment - я не могу сейчас припомнить его имени

try to think how the accident happened - постарайтесь припомнить, как произошёл несчастный случай

9. **постоянно думать, мечтать**

to think airplanes all day long - бредить самолётами дни напролёт

he thinks nothing but sports - он ни о чём кроме спорта не думает /не может думать/; ≅ он помешался на спорте

10. **заботиться, беспокоиться**

to think only of oneself - думать только о себе

you must think of others - вы должны подумать и о других; не забывайте о других

11. **refl** **доводить себя раздумьями до какого-л. состояния**

I thought myself silly - я столько думал, что теперь уже ничего не соображаю /дошёл до отупения/

he thought himself into a fever - он настолько переутомил мозг, что заболел /слёг/

12. **в грам. знач. прил. разг.** **умственный; интеллектуальный; философский**

◇ to think long - **диал.** изнывать, томиться

to think fit /good, proper/ to do smth. - решиться сделать что-л. (**обыкн.** какую-л. глупость)

to think better of smth. - передумать, переменить мнение о чём-л.

to think better of smb. - быть лучшего мнения о ком-л.

to think big - **сл.** далеко метить, иметь честолюбивые планы

I don't think! - а) не думаю; ничего подобного, что за вздор, что за ерунда; б) **ирон.** нечего сказать, ничего не скажешь, ничего себе; an amiable young man, I don't think - приятный молодой человек, нечего сказать

he thinks he is it - он о себе высокого мнения, он нос задирает

think

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• **ˌ** **ɪ** **ˈ** **θ** **ɪ** **n** **k** [**think** **thinks** **thought** **thinking**] **verb**, **noun** **BrE** [θɪŋk] ^ˈ **NAmE** [θɪŋk]

verb (thought, thought **BrE** [θɔːŋt] ^ˈ ; **NAmE** [θɔːŋt] ^ˈ)

HAVE OPINION/BELIEF

1. transitive, intransitive (not used in the progressive tenses) **to have a particular idea or opinion about sth/sb; to believe sth**

• ~ **(that)**... Do you think (that) they'll come?

• I thought I heard a scream.

• I didn't think you liked sports.

• **Am I right in thinking** that you used to live here?

• I think this is their house, but I'm not sure.

• He ought to resign, I think.

• We'll need about 20 chairs, **I should think** .

• **it is thought that...** **It was** once **thought that** the sun travelled around the earth.

• ~ **sth (about sth)** What did you think about the idea?

• Well, I like it. **What do you think** ?

• ~ **so** 'Will we make it in time?' 'I **think so** .'

• 'Is he any good?' 'I **don't think so** .'

• ~ **sb/sth + adj.** I **think it** highly unlikely that I'll get the job.

• She thought him kind and generous.

• **sb/sth is thought to be sb/sth** He's thought to be one of the richest men in Europe.

USE MIND

2. **intransitive, transitive** to use your mind to consider sth, to form connected ideas, to try to solve problems, etc

- Are animals able to think?
- Let me think (= give me time before I answer) .
- ~ **(about sth)** I can't tell you now— I'll have to **think about it** .
- She **had thought** very **deeply** about this problem.
- All he ever thinks about is money.
- I'm sorry, **I wasn't thinking** (= said when you have upset or offended sb accidentally) .
- ~ **what, how, etc...** He was trying to think what to do.

3. **transitive** (usually used in the progressive tenses) to have ideas, words or images in your mind

- ~ **sth** You're very quiet. What are you thinking?
- ~ **what, how, etc...** I was just thinking what a long way it is.
- + **speech** 'I must be crazy,' she thought.

IMAGINE

4. **transitive, no passive, intransitive** to form an idea of sth; to imagine sth

- ~ **where, how, etc...** We couldn't think where you'd gone.
- Just think how nice it would be to see them again.
- ~ **(that)...** I can't think (that) he would be so stupid.
- ~ **(sth) Just think** — we'll be lying on the beach this time tomorrow.
- If I'm late home, my mother always **thinks the worst** .
- Try to **think yourself into** the role.

EXPECT

5. **transitive** to expect sth

- ~ **(that)...** I never thought (that) I'd see her again.
- The job took longer than we thought.
- You'd think she'd have been grateful for my help (= but she wasn't) .
- ~ **to do sth** (formal) Who would have thought to find you here?

IN A PARTICULAR WAY

6. **intransitive, transitive** (informal) **no passive** to think in a particular way or on a particular subject

- + **adj.** Let's think positive.
- You need to **think big** (= aim to achieve a lot) .
- ~ **sth** If you want to make money, you've got to think money.

SHOWING ANGER/SURPRISE

7. **transitive** ~ **(that)...** used in questions to show that you are angry or surprised

- What do you think you're doing?

BEING LESS DEFINITE/MORE POLITE

8. **transitive, intransitive** used to make sth you say sound less definite or more polite

- ~ **(that)...** I thought we could go out tonight.
- Twenty guests are enough, I would have thought.
- **Do you think** you could open the window?
- ~ **so** 'You've made a mistake.' 'I don't think so.'

INTEND

9. **transitive, intransitive** ~ **(that...)** to intend sth; to have a plan about sth

- I think I'll go for a swim.
- I'm thinking in terms of about 70 guests at the wedding.

REMEMBER

10. **transitive** to remember sth; to have sth come into your mind

- ~ **to do sth** I didn't think (= it did not occur to me) to tell her.
- ~ **where, what, etc...** I can't think where I put the keys.

more at see/think fit (to do sth) **at** ↑**fit** adj., great minds think alike **at** ↑**great** adj., speak/think ill of sb **at** ↑**ill** adv., let me see/think **at** ↑**let** v., I like to think I'd like to think **at** ↑**like** v., think you own the place **at** ↑**own** v.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	think
	BrE /θɪŋk/
	NAmE /θɪŋk/
he / she / it	thinks
	BrE /θɪŋks/
	NAmE /θɪŋks/
past simple, past participle	thought
	BrE /θɔ:t/
	NAmE /θɔ:t/
-ing form	thinking
	BrE /'θɪŋkɪŋ/
	NAmE /'θɪŋkɪŋ/

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Old English thencan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch and German [denken](#).

Language Bank:

according to

Reporting someone's opinion

Photography is, **according to** Vidal, the art form of untalented people.

For Vidal, photography is the art form of untalented people.

His **view is that** photography is not art but merely the mechanical reproduction of images.

Smith **takes the view that** photography is both an art and a science.

In Brown's **view**, photography should be treated as a legitimate art in its own right.

James **is of the opinion that** a good painter can always be a good photographer if he or she so decides.

Emerson **believed that** a photograph should only reflect what the human eye can see.

Language Banks at [↑argue](#), [↑opinion](#)

Language Bank:

opinion

Giving your personal opinion

In my opinion, everyone should have some understanding of science.

Everyone should, **in my opinion**, have some understanding of science.

It seems to me that many people in this country have a poor understanding of science.

This is, **in my view**, the result of a failure of the scientific community to get its message across.

Another reason why so many people have such a poor understanding of science is, **I believe**, the lack of adequate funding for science in schools.

Smith argues that science is separate from culture. **My own view is that** science belongs with literature, art, philosophy and religion as an integral part of our culture.

In this writer's opinion, the more the public know about science, the less they will fear and distrust it.

Synonyms at [↑think](#)

Language Banks at [↑according to](#), [↑argue](#), [↑impersonal](#), [↑nevertheless](#), [↑perhaps](#)

Synonyms:

imagine

[think](#) • [see](#) • [envisage](#) • [envision](#)

These words all mean to form an idea in your mind of what sb/sth might be like.

imagine • to form an idea in your mind of what sb/sth might be like: ▪ The house was just as she had imagined it.

think • to imagine sth that might happen or might have happened: ▪ We couldn't think where you'd gone. ◇▪ Just think ▪ — this time tomorrow we'll be lying on a beach.

see • to consider sth as a future possibility; to imagine sb as sth: ▪ I can't see her changing her mind. ◇▪ His colleagues see him as a future director.

envisage • (*especially BrE*) to imagine what will happen in the future: ▪ I don't envisage working with him again.

The usual word for this in American English is **envision** (see below).

envision • to imagine what a situation will be like in the future, especially a situation that you intend to work towards: ▪ They envision an equal society, free from poverty and disease.

Envision is used especially in business and political contexts. In North American English it is also used as another form of the word **envisage**: ▪ I don't envision working with him again.

to imagine/see/envisage/envision sb/sth **as** sth

to imagine/see/envisage/envision (sb) **doing sth**

to imagine/think/see/envisage/envision **who/what/how...**

to imagine/think/envisage/envision **that...**

Synonyms:

think

[believe](#) • [feel](#) • [reckon](#) • [be under the impression](#)

These words all mean to have an idea that sth is true or possible or to have a particular opinion about sb/sth.

think • to have an idea that sth is true or possible, although you are not completely certain; to have a particular opinion about

sb/sth: ▪ Do you think (that) they'll come? ◇▪ Well, I like it. What do you think?

believe • to have an idea that sth is true or possible, although you are not completely certain; to have a particular opinion about sb/sth: ▪ Police believe (that) the man may be armed.

think or believe ?

When you are expressing an idea that you have or that sb has of what is true or possible, **believe** is more formal than **think**. It is used especially for talking about ideas that other people have; **think** is used more often for talking about your own ideas: ▪ Police believe... ◇▪ I think... When you are expressing an opinion, **believe** is stronger than **think** and is used especially for matters of principle; **think** is used more for practical matters or matters of personal taste.

feel • to have a particular opinion about sth that has happened or about what you/sb ought to do: ▪ We all felt (that) we were unlucky to lose.

reckon • (informal) to think that sth is true or possible: ▪ I reckon (that) I'm going to get that job.

be under the impression that... • to have an idea that sth is true: ▪ I was under the impression that the work had already been completed.

to think/believe/feel/reckon/be under the impression **that...**

It is thought/believed/reckoned that...

to **be** thought/believed/felt/reckoned **to be** sth

to think/believe/feel sth **about** sb/sth

to **sincerely/honestly/seriously/mistakenly** think/believe/feel

Example Bank:

- Did you honestly think I would agree to that?
- He seemed to have lost the ability to think rationally.
- I hate to think what would have happened if we hadn't arrived
- I never thought you would carry out your threat.
- I often think of Jane.
- I personally think it's all been a lot of fuss over nothing.
- I still don't know what he really thinks about it.
- I suddenly thought of a way I could help.
- I'm inclined to think we've been a little harsh on her.
- She thought long and hard before accepting his offer.
- That's my opinion, but you might think otherwise.
- The drugs were affecting her and she couldn't think straight.
- Think about what you are going to do next.
- What can I do now? he thought frantically.
- What did you think of the film?
- You need to think big if you want to run this business.
- You really should think again about that.
- 'Is he any good?' 'I don't think so.'
- 'Will we make it in time?' 'I think so.'
- Am I right in thinking that you used to live here?
- Do you think (that) they'll come?
- He's thought to be one of the richest men in Europe.
- I can't tell you now— I'll have to think about it.
- I can't think (that) he would be so stupid.
- I didn't think you liked sports.
- I never thought (that) I'd see her again.
- I think it highly unlikely that I'll get the job.
- I think this is their house, but I'm not sure.
- I'm sorry, I wasn't thinking.
- It was once thought that the sun travelled around the earth.
- Just think — this time tomorrow we'll be lying on a beach.
- Let me think.
- We couldn't think where you'd gone.
- We'll need about 20 chairs, I should think.
- Well, I like it. What do you think?
- You'd think she'd have been grateful for my help.
- You're very quiet. What are you thinking?

Idioms: ↑ I don't think so ▪ ↑ I thought as much ▪ ↑ come to think of it ▪ ↑ have a think ▪ ↑ if you think about it ▪ ↑ think again ▪ ↑ think better of it doing something ▪ ↑ think better of somebody ▪ ↑ think nothing of it ▪ ↑ think nothing of of doing something ▪ ↑ think on your feet ▪ ↑ think out loud ▪ ↑ think out of the box ▪ ↑ think straight ▪ think the world/highly/a lot/not much/poorly/little of somebody ▪ ↑ think twice about about doing something ▪ ↑ you've got another think coming

Derived ↑ think ahead ▪ ↑ think back ▪ ↑ think for yourself ▪ ↑ think of somebody ▪ ↑ think of somebody as somebody ▪ ↑ think of something ▪ ↑ think something out ▪ ↑ think something over ▪ ↑ think something through ▪ ↑ think something up

noun singular

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• **II. to think (that...) idiom**

used to show that you are surprised or shocked by sth

- To think that my mother wrote all those books and I never knew!

Main entry: **↑think**_{idiom}

think

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I. **think**¹ **S1 W1** /θɪŋk/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* (past tense and past participle **thought** /θɔːt/\$

θɒt/)

[Word Family: noun: **↑think**, **↑rethink**, **↑thinker**, **↑thinking**, the unthinkable; verb: **↑think**, **↑rethink**; adjective: **↑thinkable** ≠ **↑unthinkable**, **↑thinking** ≠ **↑unthinking**; adverb: **↑unthinkingly**]

[Language: Old English; Origin: thencan]

1. **OPINION/BELIEF** [transitive] to have a particular opinion or to believe that something is true

think (that)

- " I think that you're being unfair.
- " I thought I heard something.
- " He didn't think anyone would believe him.
- " Do you think I should call him?
- " For some reason, I keep thinking it's Friday today.
- " The recession lasted longer than anyone thought it would.
- " Am I right in thinking that you have a brother?
- " I can't help thinking that he's made a mistake.
- " Do you honestly think I would do something so stupid?

what do you think of/about somebody/something? (=used to ask someone for their opinion)

- " What do you think of your new school?

think it necessary/possible/best etc (=believe it is necessary, possible etc)

- " I thought it best to call first.
- " I thought it appropriate to invite her to speak at the meeting.
- " We must start thinking in terms of reducing costs.

be thought to be (doing) something (=be believed to be (doing) something)

- " Fraud is thought to be costing software companies millions of dollars a year.

2. **USE YOUR MIND** [intransitive and transitive] to use your mind to decide about something, form an opinion, imagine something etc:

- " She thought very carefully before answering.
- " Wait a minute – I'm thinking.

think about/of

- " She lay awake thinking about the money.

think what/how/when etc

- " I can't think what else we could have done.

think (long and) hard (=think for a long time)

- " She thought very hard before deciding to leave her job.
- " Holmes sat thinking deeply (=thinking in a serious and careful way).

I dread/shudder/hate to think (=I do not want to think about something because it will be unpleasant)

- " I dread to think how much this call is going to cost.

3. **HAVE AN IDEA** [transitive] to have words or ideas in your mind without telling them to anyone:

- " 'How strange!' he thought.
- " 'I don't care!' she thought to herself.
- " It was impossible to know what he was thinking.

think what/how/when etc

- " I was just thinking what a lovely time we had yesterday.

4. **REMEMBER** [transitive] to remember something

think where/what etc

- " He was trying to think where he'd seen her before.
- " I couldn't think where I'd left my keys.

5. **CONSIDER SOMEBODY/SOMETHING** [intransitive and transitive] to consider that someone or something is a particular thing or has a particular quality

think of somebody/something as something

- " Peter had always thought of Kate as someone to be avoided.
- " I want you to think of this as your home.

think of yourself as something

- " I've always thought of myself as a sensible person.

think somebody (to be) something

- " My parents never thought me capable of doing a degree.
- " We have good reason to think kindly of (=consider in an approving way) a school that has provided all our children with an excellent education.

6. **think of/about doing something** to consider the possibility of doing something:

- " I had never thought of becoming an actor.
- " We did think about moving to Tokyo.
- " Don't even think about calling him (=used to tell someone strongly not to do something).

7. **think twice** to think very carefully before deciding to do something, because you know about the dangers or problems:

A visible alarm makes burglars think twice.

think twice about

A previous divorce can make you think twice about getting married again.

think twice before doing something/before you do something

I'd think twice before taking out such a large loan.

8. think again to think carefully about a plan, decision, idea etc, especially with the result that you change your mind or do something differently:

If you think car crime can't happen to you, think again.

think again about

Universities may be forced to think again about the courses they provide.

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SPOKEN PHRASES

9. I think used when you are saying that you believe something is true, although you are not sure:

Mary is in the garden, I think.

I don't think Ray will mind.

'Do you understand what I mean?' 'Yes, I think so.'

'Haven't we met before?' 'I don't think so.'

I thought he was honest, but I was wrong.

10. I think I'll ... used to say what you will probably do:

I think I'll go to bed early tonight.

11. I thought (that) used when you are politely suggesting something to do:

I thought we'd go swimming tomorrow.

I thought we could meet for lunch.

12. I would think (also I would have thought, I should think/I should have thought *British English*) used when you are saying that you believe something is probably true:

We'll need about 10 bottles of wine, I should think.

I would have thought it would be better to wait a while.

13. you would have thought (that) (also you would think (that)) used to say that you expect something to be true, although it is not:

You would have thought the school would do more to help a child like Craig.

14. do you think (that) ...?

a) used when you are asking someone politely to do something for you:

Do you think you could help me move these boxes?

b) used to ask someone's opinion:

Do you think I need to bring a jacket?

15. who/what etc do you think?

a) used to ask someone's opinion:

Who do you think will win?

b) used when asking someone angrily about something:

Where do you think you're going?

16. I think not *formal* used to say that you strongly believe something is not true or that you disagree with someone:

This could be a coincidence, but I think not.

17. (just) think used to ask someone to imagine or consider something:

Just think – we could be millionaires!

(just) think of

It would be lovely, but think of the expense!

just think what/how etc

Just think what could have happened.

18. (now I) come to think of it used to mention something you have just realized or remembered:

'Were there any letters for me?' 'Yes there were, come to think of it.'

19. I wasn't thinking (also I didn't think) used as a way of saying you are sorry because you have upset someone:

Sorry, I shouldn't have said that. I wasn't thinking.

20. to think (that) ...! used to show that you are very surprised about something:

To think we lived next door to him and never knew what he was doing!

21. if you think ..., you've got another think coming! used to tell someone that if they think someone is going to do something, they are wrong:

If you think I'm going to wait for you, you've got another think coming!

22. that's what you/they etc think! used to say that you strongly disagree with someone

23. who would have thought? used to say that something is very surprising:

Who would have thought she'd end up dancing for a living?

24. I thought as much used to say that you are not surprised by something someone tells you:

'Andy failed his driving test.' 'I thought as much when I saw his face.'

25. I should have thought ... *British English* used as a polite or joking way of showing that you disagree with what someone has said or think it is silly:

'Why isn't it working?' 'I should have thought it was obvious.'

26. think better of it to not do something that you had planned to do, because you realize that it is not a good idea:

He started to say something, then thought better of it.

27. think nothing of doing something to think that a particular activity is normal or easy, even though other people think it is unusual or difficult:

He thinks nothing of staying up all night in casinos.

28. **think nothing of something** to think that something is not important and then realize later that it is important:
 " I had a pain in my back but thought nothing of it at the time.
29. **not think to do something** to not consider doing something, especially when you later wish you had done it:
 " I didn't think to question the treatment I was given.
 " I never thought to ask him for his address.
30. **think for yourself** to have ideas and thoughts of your own rather than believing what other people say:
 " Parents have to teach their children to think for themselves.
31. **think aloud** (*also think out loud*) to say what you are thinking, without talking to anyone in particular:
 " Oh, sorry. I was thinking aloud.
32. **think straight** [*usually in negatives*] to think clearly:
 " I'm so nervous I can't think straight.
 " How can I think straight with you talking all the time?
33. **not think much of somebody/something** to not like someone or something very much:
 " I didn't think much of his new girlfriend.
34. **think highly of somebody/something** (*also think a lot of somebody/something*) to admire or respect someone or something:
 " Your boss must think highly of you if she gives you so much responsibility.
35. **think the world of somebody** *informal* to like or love someone very much:
 " The children think the world of her.
36. **think badly of somebody** (*also think less of somebody*) *formal* to disapprove of someone or what they have done:
 " Please don't think badly of me.
think badly of somebody for
 " Do you think less of me for agreeing to do it?
37. **think the best/worst of somebody** to consider someone's behaviour in a way that makes them seem as good as possible or as bad as possible:
 " He's determined to think the worst of me.
38. **think big** *informal* to plan to do things that are difficult, but will be very impressive, make a lot of profit etc:
 " The company is thinking big.
39. **think outside the box** to think of new, different, or unusual ways of doing something, especially in business
40. **think positive/positively** to believe that you are going to be successful or that good things are going to happen:
 " You have to think positive if you're going to be successful in this game.
41. **think on your feet** to think of ideas and make decisions very quickly:
 " In this job you need to be able to think on your feet.
42. **think to do something** *literary* to try to do something:
 " They had thought to deceive me.
43. **anyone would think (that)** used to say that someone behaves as if a particular thing were true, although it is not:
 " Anyone would think he owns the place, the way he talks!
- ⇒ **can't hear yourself think** at ↑hear(12)

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adverbs

- **carefully** Think carefully about every spending decision you make.
- **hard** (=with a lot of mental effort) I bet, if you think really hard, you can think of something to do.
- **deeply** I should have thought more deeply before I agreed.
- **seriously** I thought seriously about my doctor's advice.
- **clearly** She was simply too tired to think clearly.

■ phrases

- **long and hard** (=hard, for a long time, before making a decision) I thought long and hard about taking the role.
- **I dread/hate/shudder to think** (=I do not want to think about something bad) I dread to think what might have happened if we hadn't found her.

THESAURUS

■ to have a particular opinion

- **think**: I think you're right. | She didn't think that the film was very good.
- **believe** to have an opinion that you are sure is right, especially about an important subject such as politics or religion: The protestors believe that it is wrong to experiment on animals. | Do you really believe that the only solution to violence is more violence?
- **feel** to have a particular opinion, especially one that is based on your feelings, not on facts: She feels that there is no alternative. | I just felt that it was the right thing to do.
- **take the view that** *formal* to have a particular opinion: The court took the view that the company had acted unreasonably. | The college takes the view that smoking in the workplace is a fire risk.

■ to think about something

- **think** to use your mind to decide about something, form an opinion, imagine something etc: I've been thinking about what you said – maybe you're right. | I need some time to think.
- **consider** to think about something carefully before deciding what to do: Have you considered working for a year before going to college?
- **weigh** (*also weigh up British English*) to carefully think about a plan or choice by comparing all the advantages and disadvantages involved: You need to weigh up the pros and cons (=the advantages and disadvantages), and decide which investment is the best one for you. | The committee are still weighing the alternatives.
- **give something some/a lot of thought** to think carefully about something, before you make a final decision about it: Why don't

- you give it some thought and then get back to me? | He had obviously given the matter a lot of thought.
- **mull something over** to think about a problem, plan etc before making a decision: Can you give me a bit of time to mull it over?
 - **ponder** to spend time thinking carefully and seriously about something, especially a problem or something complicated: She is still pondering what to do. | Officials are pondering ways to remove the oil from the beaches.
 - **contemplate** to think about something you might do in the future: Did you ever contemplate resigning?
 - **reflect formal** to think carefully about something, especially something that happened in the past: It was a good time to reflect upon the changes that had happened in my life.

■ **to keep thinking about something**

- **brood** to keep thinking for a long time about something that worries you or that makes you angry or upset: There's no point brooding over things you can't change.
- **dwell on something** to spend too much time thinking about something sad or unpleasant: I try to enjoy my life today and not dwell on the past.

think back phrasal verb

to think about things that happened in the past:

- Thinking back, it amazes me how we survived on so little sleep.

think back to/over/on

- He thought back to the day he'd first met Sophie.

think of somebody/something phrasal verb

1. to produce an idea, name, suggestion etc by thinking:

- They're still trying to think of a name for the baby.
- Can you think of any other way to do it?

2. to remember something:

- I can't think of the name of the hotel we stayed in.

3. to behave in a way that shows that you want to treat other people well:

- It was very good of you to think of me.
- He's always thinking of other people.

4. **think only of yourself** to only do things that are good for you and not think about what other people want – used to show disapproval:

- She's a spoiled child who thinks only of herself.

5. **be thinking of somebody** used to say that you care about and feel sympathy for someone who is in a difficult situation:

- Take care! I'll be thinking of you.

think something ↔ out phrasal verb

to think about all the parts of something carefully before deciding or planning exactly what to do:

- He went for a walk to think things out.
- The proposal needs to be carefully thought out.

think out what/how/whether etc

- She had thought out what she was going to say.

think something ↔ over phrasal verb

to consider something carefully before making a decision:

- I've been thinking over your suggestion.
- Why don't you think it over and give me a call in a couple of days?
- I want some more time to think things over.

think something ↔ through phrasal verb

to think carefully about the possible results of something:

- The policy has not been thought through properly.
- It's my fault. I didn't think it through.
- I need time to think things through.

think through what/how

- People need time to think through what the changes will mean for them.

think something ↔ up phrasal verb

to produce a new idea, name etc by thinking:

- She was trying to think up an excuse.
- Did you think that up yourself?
- Who thinks up names for new products?

II. **think**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑think, ↑rethink, ↑thinker, ↑thinking, the unthinkable; **verb**: ↑think, ↑rethink; **adjective**: ↑thinkable ≠ ↑unthinkable, ↑thinking ≠ ↑unthinking; **adverb**: ↑unthinkingly]

have a think British English to think about a problem or question:

- I'll have a think and let you know.

think

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